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## **RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action of March 10, 2006, in the abovereferenced patent application, after entry of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, the time for response extended to expire as of August 10, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.